

October 16, 2006

Present: Ms. Gae Elfenbein  
Mr. John Goerlach  
Mr. Richard Walsh  
Mr. Paul Boudreau, Town Administrator

The meeting was opened by Ms. Elfenbein at 7:00 p.m.

Warrants: Warrants were signed

**7:00 - 7:15 - Public Comment**

**MALL ROAD** Mr. Tinkham asked if a member of the Board of Selectmen will be at the MPO meeting tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. regarding the Mall Road design. Ms. Elfenbein said that she would try to attend.

**SMALL CITIES GRANT** Tom Webb regarding the administration of the Small Cities Grant. Mr. Boudreau read a letter from Brackett & Lucas regarding the possibility of a conflict of interest; Town Counsel said that there is no conflict of interest; but Gary Brackett stated that Mr. Webb should contact the Ethics Commission to get a letter from them. Motion made by Mr. Walsh to award the Contract for Administration of the Small Cities Grant to Mr. Thomas Webb d/b/a Home Work, seconded by Mr. Goerlach. Unanimously voted. The Board signed the contract. Mr. Webb said that he was going to check to see if Lanesborough can be the lead town in another small cities grant next year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Linda Pruyne from the Sewer Committee, Joe Scelsi from the Mall and Ron Tinkham from the Baker Hill Road District were present to discuss the Malls application for a permit to hook up to the septic system at 50,000 gallons per day. Ms. Elfenbein said that the Sewer Committee cannot act without a quorum at a posted meeting. Ms. Pruyne said that she would like to get an opinion from Town Counsel before they have a meeting. Ms. Pruyne asked the Board for an executive session to discuss contract negotiations. Motion made by Mr. Walsh to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations and reconvene to open session, seconded by Mr. Goerlach. Unanimously voted. Mr. Walsh, yes; Mr. Goerlach, yes; Ms. Elfenbein, yes.

**MALL ROAD DESIGN** Mr. Scelsi said that he has preliminary designs from Edwards & Kelcey for the Mall Road.

**ACCEPTED MINUTES** Motion made by Mr. Walsh to accept the minutes of the October 2, 2006 meeting, seconded by Mr. Goerlach. Unanimously voted.

Administrator's Report

**TOWN HALL FURNACE** Mr. Boudreau reported to the Board about the boiler at town Hall. Lipton energy is going to come to town hall tomorrow to draw up some basic specs.

**ASSESSOR'S OFFICE COMPUTER SERVER** Mr. Boudreau reported that there is something wrong with the computer server in the Assessor's Office. There is currently no internal backup system so the Assessors' have been backing up everything to a server at Patriots. Mr. Boudreau said that server is 6 years old. Mr. Boudreau also said that it would be approximately \$7,000 replace. Mr. Boudreau recommended that this be added to the warrant for the special town meeting.

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING** Mr. Boudreau stated that we need to set the date for a special town meeting. Motion made by Mr. Goerlach that we set a special town meeting to be held on November 28, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the Lanesborough Elementary School, seconded by Mr. Walsh. Unanimously voted. We need to find a new moderator to preside at this meeting.

**SNOW PLOWING BIDS** Mr. Boudreau reported that 2 bids were received regarding the plowing of side streets: Newton at \$70.00 per hour with increases if the price of fuel goes up and Mochon at \$55.00 per hour flat rate. Motion made by Mr. Walsh to award the snowplowing contract to Mochon Construction at a rate of \$55.00 per hour, seconded by

Mr. Goerlach. Unanimously voted.

**CEMETERY** Mr. Boudreau presented the Board with contracts from the Cemetery Committee with White Engineering. Most of the existing cemetery plots have been bought and they are looking for engineering work to lay out a new section. White Engineering quoted \$1,500. Motion made by Mr. Walsh to award White Engineering the engineering services contract for the Mountain View Cemetery to for the estimated cost of \$1,500, seconded by Ms. Elfenbein. Mr. Goerlach abstained because he is currently a member of the Cemetery Committee. Ms. Elfenbein signed the contract on behalf of the Town.

**CHURCHILL STREET IMPROVEMENT PLANS** Additional proposals for engineering firms to do the work on Churchill Street were received as follows: Foresight at \$13,800, White Engineering at \$8,500 (fixed fee) and Guntlow at \$7,300 (with direct expenses extra). Motion made by Mr. Walsh to award the contract to Guntlow for \$7,300 plus direct expenses for the road and drainage improvement plans for Churchill Street, seconded by Mr. Goerlach. Unanimously voted. Mr. Boudreau signed the contract on behalf of the Town.

**BRIDGE STREET BRIDGE REPAIR** Mr. Boudreau reported that the bid openings were held last week for the Bridge Street bridge repair. There was only one bid received, from A. Pereira Construction in the amount of \$33,750. Motion made by Mr. Walsh to award the contract for the Bridge Street bridge repair to A. Pereira Construction in the amount of \$33,750, seconded by Mr. Goerlach. Unanimously voted.

**MIIA** Mr. Boudreau presented the Board with a contract with MIIA regarding HIPA standards, which applies to health privacy issues. The Board signed the document.

**HOYT PROPERTY** Mr. Boudreau reported that he heard again from Hoyt's attorney Michael McCarthy regarding the Hoyt property. Mr. McCarthy requests that the Town as a lien holder give Mr. Hoyt a break on the money owed to the Town. Ms. Forgea said that if the Town were to discount the lien it would amount to a break on the interest accrued on the taxes owed. Ms. Elfenbein would like to see an actual purchase and sale agreement and any information on any discounts being given by other creditors, before any discounts are offered by the Town.

**CHICOPEE STREET** Mr. Boudreau reported that he heard from Town Counsel, Gary Brackett, regarding the petition to make Chicopee Street a public way. Attorney Brackett stated that the petitioners are responsible for getting the lay out done and the easement deeds prepared. The Board suggested sending the petitioners a letter including a copy of Town Counsel's letter.

**CHICOPEE STREET** Mr. Boudreau said that Mike Froio called Mr. Boudreau and stated that he is not going pursue the petition for the upper section of Chicopee Street.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOREMAN** Mr. Boudreau presented the Board with a letter from Attorney Fred Dupere regarding Mr. Goerlach being able to discuss the appointment a highway foreman. Attorney Dupere states that the selectman member would not have a conflict of interest. Mr. Goerlach said that the Ethics Commission told him that he could as long as he does not show favoritism.

End Administrator's Report

Mail

**TREE & FOREST** Letter from William Girard advising the Town that he is donating his time and equipment for a Chainsaw Safety Class for the benefit of Lanesborough Tree and Forest Committee.

**WINE & BEET** Letter requesting and endorsement against the sale of wine and beer in supermarkets an convenience stores.

**POLICE ASSOCIATION** Correspondence from Martin Streit of the Lanesborough Police Association stating that he is their new president.

**BAKER STREET** Correspondence from James Mathews of Baker Street. Mr. Boudreau review the letter and report back to the Board.

**OPEN SPACE** Draft of the Town of Lanesborough Open Space and Recreation Plan.

**WATER DAMAGE** Correspondence from Linda and Tyrone Belanger regarding property damage issue with the Water Department. The Board requested the letter be forwarded to the Water District.

**MOSQUITO CONTROL** Correspondence from State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board regarding request for information regarding mosquito control in town. Mr. Boudreau will take care of it. The town pulled out of the program because it was costing the town \$12,000 per year and it was coming off the Cherry Sheets and it involves spraying chemicals around wetland areas. Mr. Walsh suggested find out what the cost would be currently.

**DH&CD** Correspondence from Department of Housing and Community Development regarding 2006 Subsidized Housing Inventory Biennial Update.

**ALARM SYSTEM** Correspondence from Berkshire Communicators regarding the upgrade of the Alarm Monitoring System.

**CHAPTER 90 CONTRACT** Correspondence from MassHighway returning a signed copy of the FY06 Chapter 90 Supplemental Budget Contract.

**MASSHIGHWAY** Correspondence from MassHighway returning an approved copy of a project request for \$50,000 for Greylock Estates Road and Olsen Road and Bridge Street.

End of mail

Old Business

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOREMAN** Regarding the appointment of a Highway Department foreman, Mr. Walsh stated that he believes that with 2 people with over 20 years of services there is no need for a foreman. Ms. Elfenbein said that she agrees but she feels that someone should be appointed to act in Mr. Decelles absence so that the schools, Fire Department and Police Department have someone to call in an emergency and give that person a stipend for that time period, so that there is a chain of command. Mr. Goerlach feels that there is a need for a chain of command all the time. Mr. Goerlach said that there are other times when a backup person is needed because Mr. Decelles may not be available. Matter tabled.

**SPEEDING ON ROUTE 7** Mr. Walsh reminded the Board again about the speeding on Route 7. Mr. Boudreau said that he spoke with Chief Bashara about setting up the speed notice sign and the Chief is working on it. It is difficult when there are construction crews on the road.

New Business

**BRIDGE STREET BRIDGE REPAIR** Mr. Walsh suggested that Bridge Street be closed off if they start the Bridge now. There are alternate routes to Bridge Street on the other side of the Bridge.

**HOUSATONIC NATIONAL HERITAGE** Ms. Elfenbein regarding the Housatonic National Heritage Group is looking for a representative from the Town. Mr. Boudreau suggested appointing someone from the Historic Committee to represent the Town.

**MEETING ADJOURNER** Upon motion made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Goerlach, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40: p.m.